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In re Application of:)
Tatsuo MIYAJI, et al.) Confirmation No.: 8022
Application No.: 10/702,092) Group Art Unit: 2852
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated April 7, 2005, the period for response to which extends through May 7, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species of invention identified in the Office Action as Species 1 (Figures 1, 4 and 12). Applicants submit that claims 1-12 are readable on the elected species. Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

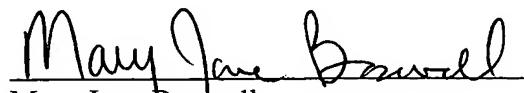
Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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